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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: England Command or Air Force 8th AF
GROUP 303; SQUADRON 427; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure ENGLAND; Course SEE MAP # 2268
Intended Destination St Nazaire; Type of Mission Bombing.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date 3 Jan 43 Time _____; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft _____
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () last contacted by radio; () Forced down; (Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one: () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Serial B-17 F : AAF Serial No. 41-24517
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 : Passengers 0 : Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
DED 1.	8830	Sheridan, Charles C	Maj	0-408859
DED 2.	8830	Goetz, William H	1st Lt	0-435765
DED 3.		Smith, Robert W	2nd Lt	0-727128
DED 4.		Madrid, Robert L	2nd Lt	0-660898
DED 5.		Walters, Joseph H	T/Sgt	16 007 997
DED 6.		Shelly, James F	T/Sgt	13 003 669
DED 7.		Rutt, Donald H	S/Sgt	17 033 40
DED 8.		Bradley, Merel D	S/Sgt	19 062 629
DED 9.		McDonald, Martin F	Sgt	12 059 649
DED 10.		Runge, Walter E	Sgt	36 235 828

11. _____
12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

(OVER)
1. See SP4 D # 289
and endorsements
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C6-8049S, AF

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WD, Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report.

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____						
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.						
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.						
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____						

Date of Report _____

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Above aircraft believed to have gone down in water not far from St Nazaire due to enemy action, no further information available at this station.

Above taken from incoming classified message W 9208, 12 December 1943.
From USSOS to AGWAR.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 29, 1944

SUBJECT: Sgt. Walter E. Runge, 36235828,
427th Bomb Sqdn., 303th Bomb Gp.,
Missing in action 23 March 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported missing (in action) on the date shown.

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required by A.G.O. letter, 23 May 1943, (AG 360.33 (5-21-43)OB-S-AF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:

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E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Casualty Branch,
AAF Personal Affairs Division.

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1st Ind.

(ZA-G-5)

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634,

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. Records this Headquarters show Sgt Walter E. Runge, 36235828, first reported "Missing In Action" on 3 January 1943 and since reported "Killed In Action" per ETO-MRU Report dated 1 April 1944.

2. Request all available information concerning the circumstances under which above Enlisted Man was first reported "Missing In Action", including a list of the other crew members and their positions in the plane, be forwarded this Headquarters.



By Command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE.

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BURNIS ARCHER
Capt., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

Basic: Ltr, Hq AAF, Washington, D.C., 29 May 1944, re-Sgt. Walter E. Runge.

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2nd Ind.

(G/D/8)

HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 12 June 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 107, APO 557.

For compliance with 1st Indorsement.

By command of Brigadier General WILLIAMS:

Charles E. Garvin
CHARLES E. GARVIN,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Basic: Ltr. Hq AAF, Washington, D.C., 29 May 1944, re-Sgt. Walter E. Runge.

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3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 107, APO 557, U.S. ARMY, 14 June 1944.

TO: Headquarters, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. All available information concerning the circumstances under which Sgt. Walter E. Runge, 36235828, has been declared KIA is being forwarded as requested. Also included is a list of the other crew members and their positions in the plane.

2. Records this Headquarters show:

Date 3 January 1943
Place St. Nazaire
Circumstances Seen to blow up in air. Believed to have been by enemy action. No other information. A/C
No. 41-24517.

Group 303rd
Squadron 427th

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By E. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AO
By P. M. MERTZ, Capt., AO
Date: MAY 3 1946

NAME	RANK	ASN	POSITION	PRESENT STATUS
1. Goetz, <i>W.H.</i> *	1st Lt.	0-435765	Pilot	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944
*2. Sheridan, C.C. *	Major	0-408859	Co-Pilot	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944
*3. Madrid, <i>Robert</i> R.I. *	2nd Lt.	0-660878	Nav.	KIA ETO MRU REPORT Δ April 11, 1944
*4. Smith, R.W. *	2nd Lt.	0-727128	Bomb.	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944
*5. Shelly, J.F. *	T/Sgt.	13003668	T.T.G.	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944
*6. Walter, <i>Joseph H.</i> J.E. *	T/Sgt.	16007887	Radio Oper.	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944
*7. Bradley, <i>Merle</i> P.D. *	Sgt.	19062629	T.G.	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944
*8. McDonald, M.F. *	Sgt.	12059649	L.W.G.	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944
9. Runge, W.E. *	Sgt.	36235828	B.T.G.	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944
10. Rutt, D.H. *	Sgt.	17033430	R.W.G.	KIA ETO MRU REPORT April 11, 1944

For the Commanding Officer:



Frank J. Doherty
FRANK J. DOHERTY,
Major, Adjutant. AC.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 15 June 1944.

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TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

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Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

Roberts P. Johnson, Jr.
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Jr.
Lieut. Colonel, AGD.
Adjutant General



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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

JUN 1944

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TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

Returned for clarification of the following discrepancies between Missing Air Crew Report and Battle Casualty Report:

Battle Casualty Report

Missing Air Crew Report

Goetz, William H.

Goetz, D. E.

Madrid, Robert L., O-660898

Madrid, R. I., O-660878

Walters, Joseph H., 16007997

Walter, J.H., 16007887

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

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BURNIS ARCHER,
Captain, AGD,
Ass't Adj General.



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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

9th Ind

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TO: Commanding General, ETOUSA, APO 871.

1. Attention is invited to 3rd and 7th Indorsements.
2. Records this headquarters indicate personnel referred to in 3rd Indorsement as Killed in Action per ETOUSA DCR Z-024.



For the Commanding General:

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BURNIS ARCHER,
Captain, AGD,
Ass 't Adj General.

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Basic: Ltr, Hq AAF Wash D. C., 29 May 44, re-Sgt. Walter E. Runge, 36235828

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 19 June 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 107, APO 557.

For compliance with 5th indorsement.

By command of Brigadier General WILLIAMS:

Charles E. Garvin

CHARLES E. GARVIN,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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7th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 107, APO 557, U.S. Army, 21 June 1944.

TO: Comdg General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army

1. The following is a clarification of discrepancies noted in 5th Indorsement.

Goetz, William H.	0435765	Captain
Madrid, Robert L.	0660878	2nd Lt.
Walters, Joseph H.	16007997	T/Sgt.

For the Commanding Officer:



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8th Ind.

(G/D/17)

HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 23 June 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

Attention is invited to 7th indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

Frank J. Doherty

FRANK J. DOHERTY,
Major, AC,
Adjutant.



Charles E. Garvin

CHARLES E. GARVIN,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
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HQ, ETOUSA, APO 871, 1 July 1944.

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TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

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1. Records of this headquarters indicate the status of Sgt. Walter E. Runge, 36235828 and all other crew members of aircraft number 41-24517 as killed in action, 3 January 1944.

2. No information other than that contained in preceding correspondence is available.

For the Theater Commander:

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H. M. RUND, *SP4*
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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